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LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE LAMOINE TOWN HALL
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Faith Perkins, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Christina Maquire-Harding
Members Late: None
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James S. Boothby, Superintendent
Others: Enid Neleski, Kathleen Rybarz

1. The meeting was called to orders at 5:35 p.m.

2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2/4/08**

A motion was made by Robert Pulver, seconded by Christina Harding, **to accept the Minutes of the meeting on 2/4/08 as presented.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Enid Neleski reported that a new committee is being formed for “Jina’s Gym” to become a non-profit. Ms. Neleski also reported that a separate account in a scholarship fund is approaching \$15,000.

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Moved Item 7.A. to follow item 8. D.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – Faith Perkins shared an article regarding sensory integration from *American School Board* magazine. Ms. Perkins also reported that there will be a Cabaret at school on March 15th; and she will attending the Selectmen’s meeting. Faith mentioned and Bob elaborated on the “Get Wet Project” at the school

B. Administration

1. **Principal’s Report** –A copy of Mr. Perkins’s written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

2. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Boothby reported on the following:
 - a. At present the last day of school for children is June 19, 2008;
 - b. The Superintendent will be meeting with the Advisory Board to finalize the 2008- 2009 school calendar, as well as discuss the possibility of moving the May 29, professional day to the end of the calendar;
 - c. The Superintendent will be in touch with Board members to set a date for another budget workshop; and
 - d. CSD 8 has contacted Union 92 to explore the possibility of joining the Union. This item will be discussed at the advisory group and may be moved to the Union 92 Joint Board for discussion and possible action in the future.

C. **Standing Committee Reports**

1. **Building Committee**

No report

- D. **Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #9 in the amount of \$84,011.47 was signed by the School Committee.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Update on Consolidation**

At the time of this meeting, the State Senate has supported the Department of Education's recommended 1932 amendment with attached amendments dealing with allowing expanded Union structures, allowing units to move out of RSUs and into another RSU, and allowing communities currently in CSD and SAD structures the ability to separate themselves to join a different RSU. The next step would be for the House to take action on the amendments. Work at the Union level on consolidation is on hold until the legislature has taken action and a clearer path has been established.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Executive Session to Discuss the URVTA Teacher Contract (08-09, 09-10, 10-11) [1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D)]

A motion was made by Robert Pulver, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to go into Executive Session to discuss the URVTA Teacher Contract.**

Time In: 7:00 p.m.

Time Out: 7:50 p.m.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

Following Executive Session, **a motion was made** by Robert Pulver, seconded by Faith Perkins, **to ratify the three year URVTA Teacher Contract (08-09, 09-10, 10-11) as presented.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

B. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Policy JEA/Compulsory Attendance

A motion was made by Robert Pulver, seconded by Christina Harding, **to adopt Policy JEA as presented.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

C. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Policy JHB/Truancy

A motion was made by Christina Harding, seconded by Nancy Sargent, **to adopt Policy JHB as presented.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

D. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Policy JLF/Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

A motion was made by Nancy Sargent, seconded by Robert Pulver, **to adopt Policy JLF as presented.**

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

E. Nomination Committee for Election of Officers

Faith reminded the Board of the annual selection of board officers and would suggest identifying individuals who are interested in filling those rolls.

F. Update & Procedures for Renovation Project

An Invitation to Bid will be published in the Bangor Daily News and the Kennebec Journal either March 6th or 7th. There will be a site walk with the architects, engineer and interested bidders on March 18th at 3:00 p.m. Bids are due by March 31st and there will be a bid opening on March 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the central office. Apparent low bidder will be identified and the architect will review the bid to verify the bid is inclusive of all aspects of the project. Once reviewed, the bid will be awarded by the School Committee.

G. Review Audit Management Letter

The audit report for fiscal year 2006-2007 was an over all positive report. The auditor did provide four recommendations specific to the hot lunch program:

1. Reconcile hot lunch claim forms to the bank statement and to the check book. Current practice is to reconcile the statement to the check book;
2. Verify the commodity prices match the invoices;
3. Verify the number of meals served are accurately reported; and
4. Take the extra step of writing the paid date on the invoice in addition to stapling the invoice to the check stub which is already happening.

H. Discussion of Best Practices in Education

Nancy Sargent suggested the Board and administration prepare information, to present to parents and townspeople, on current best practices happening at the Lamoine School prior to Town meeting. An extended discussion concluded with support for the idea and targeting a time prior to the special town meeting for the school budget.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Board Requests for Information

B. Board Comments

Robert Pulver invited everyone to a “Get Wet” project on March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lamoine Consolidated School. People are welcome to bring samples of their well water and have them tested for nitrates.

C. Future Agenda Items

- Calendar
- Award of Bids
- Slate of Officers
- What is Happening at LCS

D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Nancy Sargent at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby, Secretary